Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Kolonel Ernst Leo Mercuur's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Kolonel Mercuur was one of the primary driving forces to initiate the partnership between the Republic of Suriname and the South Dakota National Guard; and,

Whereas, Kolonel Mercuur's commitment and effort were instrumental in the development and success of the State Partnership Program between the Republic of Suriname and the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Kolonel Mercuur served as the motivating individual within the Suriname Defense Forces to plan for and execute partnership strategy, goals, and events with the South Dakota National Guard, furthering the South Dakota-Suriname relationship; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Kolonel Ernst Leo Mercuur for 36 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson, Executive Assistant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State